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Grazing facilities in Cuddapah district.

*272 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the answer to clause (vii) of my question No. 1753 answered on 15th March 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the question of affording grazing facilities has been considered; and

(b) what action the Government propose to take in that direction?

A.—From a report recently received from the Director of Industries it appears that unreserves in the district are gradually diminishing and that the only places where grazing areas can be found are in the Forest Panchayat reserves. The panchayats may allow the grazing of sheep though not of goats in their reserves. The Director's report is under consideration.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"In view of the answer given, may I know what provision the Government propose to make for the grazing of goats in order to develop the woollen industry?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"The Director's report is under consideration."

Encouragement to the Malas in spinning and weaving.

*273 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer on Cottage Industries at page 1 of his report regarding Kurnool district that 'spinning and weaving are the mainstay of the Malas during the summer seasons'—

(a) what steps are being taken by the Government to equip the members of this community for the work in a more efficient manner; and

(b) whether the Government propose to investigate into the possibilities of a scheme of technical education for the children of this community with free boarding so as to include agriculture, spinning and weaving?

A.—(a) & (b) The formulation of measures connected with the betterment of the spinning and weaving industry will be deferred till the survey of all the districts in the Presidency is completed and the Special Officer's final report is received.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know what the reason is for deferring the consideration of this problem until the receipt of the final report?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"To have a comprehensive scheme for the whole Presidency, if possible."

Action taken on the recommendations for the improvements of the processes of the dyeing of yarns for carpets in Kurnool district.

*274 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 8 of his report regarding the

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Kurnool district, that a demonstrator who can examine the current processes of the dyeing of yarns for cotton carpets and teach methods by which the quality can be improved without raising the cost of production would be of great service--

(a) whether the Government have considered the suggestion contained therein; and

(b) what action they propose to take accordingly.

A.—A practical dyer who was sent to Kurnool and Nandyal has already carried out the necessary demonstration there. The Director of Industries proposes to send another demonstrator to do similar work in Koilkuntla.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"In how many centres did the expert display his skill and how many people attended such displays?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Notice, Sir."

Introduction of narrow tape-weaving in Kurnool and Nandyal.

* 275 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 9 of his report regarding Kurnool district, that it would be a distinct gain to introduce narrow tape-weaving to the Muhammadan and Dudekula communities of Kurnool and Nandyal who are engaged in tape-making—

(a) whether any steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to investigate into the matter; and

(b) if so, what those steps are?

A.—The matter was investigated but the proposal was dropped as it was reported that weaving of tape was not a very remunerative occupation and that there was no certainty that small manufacturers would be able to produce tape at economic price and in quantity and quality suited to Government requirements.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know if a report was sent and, if so, whether it will be placed on the table of the House?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Yes, Sir, I will consider."

Free removal of reeds for mat-weaving in Kurnool district.

* 276 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 13 of his report regarding mat-weaving in Kurnool district—

(a) whether the Government have considered his suggestion that the removal of the reeds may be permitted free of charge; and

(b) if they have, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken on the same?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Director of Industries is corresponding with the Collector of the district in the matter. His report is awaited.